

House Resolution No. 578

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Dick Vermeil has attained considerable distinction as a coach honored with well-deserved "Coach of the Year" accolades at the high school, junior college, National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division I, and National Football League (NFL) levels of competition; and

Whereas, named on January 12, 2001, as the ninth head coach in Kansas City Chiefs franchise history, Dick Vermeil is a member of a highly select group of NFL coaches who have guided two different teams to the Super Bowl; and

Whereas, after the 1980 season Coach Dick Vermeil took his Philadelphia Eagles to Super Bowl XV and repeated the feat with the St. Louis Rams in 1999 when that team won Super Bowl XXXIV; and

Whereas, Dick Vermeil shifted the focus of his attention and energy to a floundering Rams team and succeeded in revitalizing both the players and the program through a necessary, radical change in his practice and coaching philosophy which has demonstrated tremendous value and benefits; and

Whereas, a former quarterback at San Jose State, Coach Vermeil enjoys the rare honor of being the only coach to have led a team to a victory in both the Rose Bowl and the Super Bowl; and

Whereas, Dick Vermeil also deserves note as a family man who appreciates the loving support of his wife of many years, Carol, and their three children and eleven grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant coaching contributions of Dick Vermeil to Missouri's St. Louis Rams and Kansas City Chiefs professional football teams and to extend to him a most cordial and heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on March 4, 2003; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "Outstanding Missourian" Dick Vermeil of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87
Joined by the Entire House Membership

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 578, adopted March 4, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker